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BRADLEY SHEEP CLUB

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FARM BOYS TO START IN THE SHEEP BUSINESS

The Bradley Knitting Company, of Delavan, Wisconsin, is organizing sheep clubs composed of boys who live on farms where no sheep are kept, to whom four bred ewes will be sold on a long time payments. The age limit is 13 to 17 years. Prizes will be given each year. Mr. Schuchat, of Klein's Department Store, has interested himself in the matter, and the boy who wants to start in the sheep business should see him! The Bradley Company makes the following statement—

PROFITABLE SHEEP PRODUCTION ON EVERY FARM

Wool is one of the few every day essentials that we do not raise in sufficient quantities to meet our wants. Our annual consumption of wool is about six hundred million pounds, this year we will raise about two hundred and sixty million pounds. While our population is increasing, our sheep are decreasing. In 1900 there were one million farmers keeping sheep—today there is but few more than half a million engaged in sheep raising and wool. There are more than twelve million less sheep today than in 1900. In the warring countries sheep have been slaughtered by the millions, and consequently there will be a great shortage of sheep and wool for years to come, which means that the sheep raiser is going to receive large profits from his flock. It is claimed that the United States can profitably increase the number of sheep to one hundred and fifty million. After taking all of these facts into consideration, we decided to do all in our power to bring the seriousness of this situation to the boys of the United States. In our opinion that is about the only way to remedy it, as they will be the farmers of tomorrow and we want to impress upon them the importance of sheep raising. We want to show them that it is a most valuable branch of animal husbandry. After taking the matter up with various agricultural colleges, and men high in the live stock world, we decided on the Bradley Sheep Club as a means of showing the young men of the country the importance of sheep raising. Details of the Club have been carefully worked out. You will find the plan in a pamphlet to be secured by applying to Klein's Department Store, Marlinton, W. Va.

It is our hope to get several thousand boys interested in sheep raising, many of these boys will receive a flock of sheep without any cost whatever to themselves, as you will note that we will cancel a number of the notes each year. Quarterly bulletins will be issued to keep up their interest, and keep the boys informed as to just what their brother workers are doing. It is hoped that at the end of the five year period this Sheep Club will have been the means of increasing the number of sheep in the United States by many thousand.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Simmons, in Crabbottom, Highland county, September 4, 1917, Paul L. Mauny and Miss Margaret Lee Simmons. The groom is bookkeeper for the Range Lumber Company at Deep Creek.

Capt. James Baumgardner, an attorney of Staunton, died last week aged 82 years.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

IN RESTORING TRAIN SERVICE ON THE GREENBRIER

By order of the Public Service Commission made on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1917, the applicant The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company was permitted to discontinue the operation of its passenger train No. 147 running from Winterburn to Ronceverte and its passenger train No. 144 running from Ronceverte to Winterburn, daily except Sunday, over the Greenbrier Division of said Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, effective on the 1st day of July, 1917. Soon after the operation of said trains was discontinued, pursuant to said order, numerous protests were filed by the citizens and business men served by said trains, supported by petitions signed by several hundred people, praying that said service be reinstated, upon the grounds that this service has been rendered by said Railway Company for the past fourteen years, in consequence whereof numerous business activities have sprung up, schools have been organized and built and the general social and economic life of said section has become adjusted to and dependent upon the service thus rendered, and that the discontinuance of said service has tended to interrupt business relations and disturb social, educational and economic conditions generally. Since the discontinuance of said trains, the only passenger service that has been rendered upon said Greenbrier Division is by a passenger train leaving Ronceverte in the morning, running to Winterburn a distance of 101 miles, and returning to Ronceverte in the afternoon. The main body of the population and the principal industrial section along said Greenbrier Division is located North of Marlinton, and it has been the custom of the patrons of this road, prior to the discontinuance of this service, to go to Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas county (and at which place is located the High School patronized by students living outside of said town and who use as a method of conveyance the said trains in going to and returning from the said school), attend to their business and return the same day.

As grounds for the discontinuance of said service, the Railway Company has urged a general shortage and increased cost of labor as well as all materials used in the maintenance and operation of said railway service together with the extraordinary demand now being made upon the Railway Company for the use of its track and equipment in moving troops and material for the National Government to the various concentration camps, as well as to ports of embarkation for foreign service. That at this time there is now being moved to the various camps and concentrations located in this country the National Army created under the Selective Draft Act, and this in addition to the extremely heavy passenger traffic now existing due to prosperous business conditions, has taxed and is taxing the facilities and equipment of said Railway Company to an abnormal degree. The first contingent of the selective draft army is now being moved, an additional 40 per cent will be moved within the next two weeks, and within a very short time thereafter the remainder of the National Army will be moved to the various camps.

For further developed upon this and former hearings relative to the discontinuance of service by said Railway Company, while said Railway Company was operating said trains on said Greenbrier Division, the revenues derived from said operations were not sufficient to pay the expenses thereof, and that such passenger service was rendered at a loss to said Railway Company. Having this in mind as well as the other matters and things hereinbefore set forth, the Commission is of opinion and doth order as follows:

(1) That, as soon as practicable after the 15th day of October, 1917, that being the tentative date fixed by the National Government for the completion of the transportation of men and material to the various concentrations under the Selective Draft Act, the said The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company do reinstate the service discontinued on the 1st day of July, 1917, that is to say Train No. 141, running from Winterburn to Ronceverte, and Train No. 144, running from Ronceverte to Winterburn, daily except Sunday.

(2) That the passenger fares hereinabove allowed to be charged upon the said Greenbrier Division be and they are hereby increased from two cents per train mile to two and one-half cents per passenger per train mile, effective upon the restoration of the service herein directed.

(3) And having in mind the unsettled and uncertain state of affairs affecting railroad transportation in this country, the order hereby made shall continue and remain in force and effect until the further order of the Commission.

SUB-DISTRICT OF CASS SCHOOL

Beginning at the "Yard Limbs" sign on the C. & O. R. R. below Deer Creek, following the river up to the mouth of Dog Creek, thence up Deer Creek to a point of rocks known as "Bar Ford," thence to top of hill following same to a line corresponding to Leatherback Creek, thence east crossing thence to top of ridge, turning south past Cass and Deer Creek to the beginning.

By order of the Board of Education
J. H. Criss, Secy. S. E.

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